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In re the application of:

Stephen L. Bass
Serial No.: 10/613,340
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SHARING OVERFLOW/UNDERFLOW COMPARE HARDWARE IN A FLOATING-POINT MULTIPLY-ACCUMULATE (FMAC) OR FLOATING-POINT ADDER (FADD) UNIT
Confirmation No.: 2059
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Statement of the Substance of an Interview for the above-referenced application. In this regard, on January 3, 2005, Attorney for the Applicant and the Examiner, Chat C. Do participated in a telephonic interview regarding the above-referenced application.

In the interview, Applicant's Attorney inquired as to the status of a pending Preliminary Amendment filed on July 3, 2003 and submitted again via fax on November 30, 2004 in response to an interview that transpired on November 22, 2004. Such Preliminary

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Amendment was not considered in an Office Action of October 27, 2004, even though such Preliminary Amendment was shown as received on the "Patent Application Information and Retrieval" system Transaction History for the above-referenced serial number 10/613,340.

In the conversation of January 3, 2005, the Examiner agreed to vacate the outstanding Office Action of October 27, 2004 and consider the Preliminary Amendment submitted on July 3, 2003 and resubmitted on November 30, 2004.

In the foregoing interviews, no exhibits were used or demonstrations conducted during the interview. Furthermore, no claims were discussed. Consequently, no agreement was reached between Applicant's attorney and the Examiner regarding any presently pending claims in the application. However, Applicant's Attorney inquired as to the status of a pending preliminary amendment filed on July 3, 2003.


It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company L.P. Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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